

REMARKS

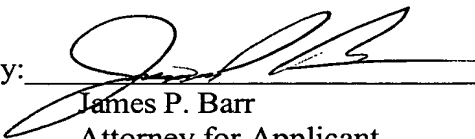
Claims 1-10 are pending in the application, claims 1-10 stand rejected. No claims have been amended, added or canceled. Accordingly, claims 1-10 are pending in the case.

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carvalho (U.S. 2002/0128622). Applicants respectfully traverse.

The present pending application is assigned to McNeil-PPC a wholly owned subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson. The cited reference to Carvalho is assigned to Johnson & Johnson, Industria e Comercio, which is also a wholly owned subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson. Since the Carvalho reference is subject matter which qualifies as prior art only under one or more subsections (e), (f), and (g) of § 102 of 35 U.S.C., as provided under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c), the Carvalho reference does not preclude patentability.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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